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Information Disclosure Statement

Applicant's previous attorney of record filed an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) dated June 1, 2000. Presumably, this is the IDS referred to by the Examiner in paragraphs 2 through 4 of the pending Office Action. The IDS was submitted with a blank Form PTO-1449 and a statement indicating "there to be no patents, publications or other information of which applicant(s) are aware, which applicant(s) believe(s) may be material to the examination of this application and for which there may be a duty to disclose in accordance with 37 CFR 1.56."

Please refer to the enclosed Supplemental IDS identifying additional materials believed to be material to the examination of the above-referenced patent application.

The Drawings

Applicant respectfully disagrees with Examiner's objection to the drawings. Each of the elements noted by the Examiner, the two iron segments (4) and additional pole piece (24) per pole, are clearly identified and labeled in FIGURE 2. See also discussion of FIGURE 2 in Specification at p. 3, lines 14-15 and p. 7, line 8 - p. 8, line 3.

The Abstract

The Abstract of the Disclosure enclosed herewith is provided in response to the Examiner's comments. The enclosed Abstract is believed to be in full compliance with Patent Office practice.

The Specification

Applicant respectfully disagrees with Examiner's objection to the Specification. Antecedent basis for each of the elements noted by the Examiner, the two iron segments (4) and additional pole piece (24) per pole, is clearly provided

in the Specification at p. 3, lines 14-15 and p. 7, line 8 -
p. 8, line 3.

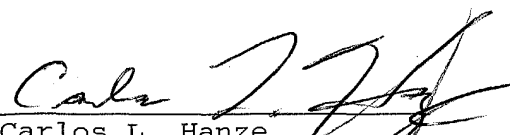
The Claims

Claims 1-25 have been cancelled and replaced with new claims 26-45. No new subject matter has been introduced by way of the new claims. The new claims are believed to be in full compliance with the requirements of 35 U.S.C. § 112, and patentable over the prior art of record.

The above-identified application is believed to be in condition for allowance in all respects, and allowance thereof is courteously solicited. If any further amendment is necessary to advance prosecution and place this case in allowable condition, the Examiner is courteously requested to contact the undersigned by fax or telephone at the numbers listed below.

Please charge any cost incurred in the filing of this Amendment, along with any other costs, to Deposit Account 06-1510. If there are insufficient funds in this account, please charge the fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1500.

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